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Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the following paragraphs in the specification wherein underline indicates an addition, as follows. The paragraph number refers to the as published version of the present application, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0226407:

[0041] Figure 6 shows an enhancement of Figure 5. In this example, top rail 60 now includes a support structure 61 which engages one end of the picket 62 to strengthen the panel once assembled. A portion of the picket has been crimped between within rail and below the support structure. Bottom rail 63 functions as before. In Figure 6b the support structure is indicated as a plate 65 with a series of apertures. In Figure 6c the support structure is a hollow section with a series of apertures or a continuous flange 66 within the rail. In Figure 6d the plate 65 in Figure 6b is held by fixtures 67 on the in side walls of the rail. In Figure 6e, the support structure is adapted for a bottom rail or mid rail 68 and allows the pickets to pass through the rail. It will be appreciated that a wide range of internal structures are possible for the same or similar effect.